

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 were rejected as being indefinite. The Examiner pointed out a number of places where the language was either inaccurate, confusing, or lacking in antecedent bases. The undersigned has gone through the claims and has corrected the various deficiencies.

Claims 1-4 were rejected as being anticipated by Miyatake.

Claims 1-12 were rejected as being unpatentable over Miyatake.

Claims 13-15 were rejected as being unpatentable over Miyatake in view of Janssen.

Miyatake discloses an optical film which is attached by adhesive to an optical member, such as liquid crystal displays and the like, that is, sources of light. As illustrated in Fig. 2, in one embodiment, there is shown a multiple layer of such films with a layer of adhesive covered by a peel off cover. In the description of the films, the patentee states that each film may be positioned "at any desired angle with respect to $\Delta n1$ or $\Delta n2$ direction". There is no teaching or suggestion of size, shape and orientation of polarization apertures in the polarized films.

Janssen has transparent sheets to protect substrates such as glass or plastic windows. The reference was cited for the use of the sheets on vehicles and car windows and the like.

In view of the excellent art cited by the Examiner, claim 1 has been extensively amended to recite the plurality of films attached to each other for attachment to a transparent medium. The claim also recites that the polarized films have vertical polarization apertures of various sizes and angular orientation, and each of the polarized film has a different tint. These features are described in the specification at page 4, top of page 5, middle and bottom of page 13, bottom of page 15, and top and bottom of page 16. As noted in connection with a discussion of the references, these features are not taught or suggested in the art of record.

Claims 4-7 and 9-11 have been canceled. Depending claims 2, 3, 8, 12-15 and new claim 16 add details of the invention, many of which are clearly not suggested in the art of record, such as the roll called for in claim 12. New depending 16 adds that the films are attached together using an adhesive.

New method claim 17-18 have been added. It will be noted from the bottom of page 7, the bottom of page 13 to the top of page 14, the middle of page 14, the first paragraph in page 15, and other language throughout the specification that an important aspect of this invention is to add one layer at a time to the window, observe the result and remove the layer within the cure time if the result is not satisfactory, and gradually build

up the layers to obtain the desired result. This method does not appear to be taught or suggested in the art of record.

New method claim 17 recites the steps of this method, namely, placing on the transparent medium a polarized film having a particular tint and polarization apertures of a particular size and orientation, using an adhesive with a finite cure time, and adding successive layers to obtain the desired result, all of the time using the cure time to make changes if desired. This is a unique method, as already noted, not found in the art of record.

The claims were also rejected under Sec. 112, first paragraph, as not being enabling on the grounds that the adhesive being used has a curing time period of 72 hours. Both of the references of record show the use of adhesives, and cure rates are not discussed, presumably because of the lack of significance of a cure rate in those references. It is believed that the art clearly shows that adhesives are known in the art and readily available, presumably at any cure rate desired. For the above reasons, it is requested that this ground of rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is urged that the claims are clearly drawn to patentable subject matter and should be allowed.

A conscientious effort has been made to place this application in condition for immediate allowance. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned or Mr. Kroll if further changes are required to obtain allowance of the application.

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An Associate Power of Attorney in favor of the undersigned accompanies this amendment.

A favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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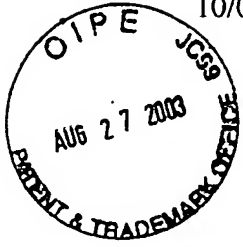
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